

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 24-27, and 29 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 9, 11, 24, 27, and 29 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention; these changes are for the purposes of clarification only, and no change in scope of these claims is either intended or believed to be effected by these changes. Claims 12-23 and 28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 6, 11, 24, 27 and 29 are independent.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-11, 24-27, and 29.

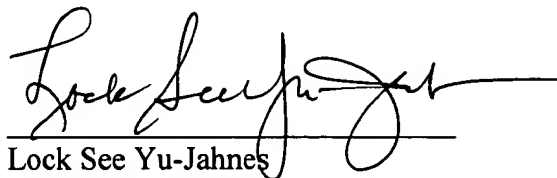
Claims 12-23 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from U.S. Patent 6,483,609 to Ueno et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,014,464 to Kurzweil et al.

Cancellation of Claims 12-23 and 28 renders the rejections of those claims moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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